Why Choose the RN to BSN Completion Degree?

There are many opportunities for nurses with experience and a BSN degree. Traditionally a field that provided a constant number of nursing career opportunities, health care is now growing at an unprecedented rate. Driven by technological developments, rapid advancements in disease prevention and health promotion, increased public awareness of health concerns, and a booming, aging population, this field offers you a wide variety of job openings, ranging from traditional but expanded patient care to health care administration.

Students with a diploma or associate degree in nursing and a RN license can complete Ferris’ Bachelor's degree (BSN) on a part or full time basis.

The BSN completion program is based upon a learner-centered instructional approach and builds upon your prior learning. The program reduces unnecessary repetition to minimize your investment of time and money. Designed expressly for associate degree and diploma RNs who want to further their educational growth and development.

Career Opportunities

The Ferris BSN degree equips you with the theory-based knowledge and skills to work in many of the new and expanding fields of nursing. It increases your understanding of illness prevention, health promotion and maintenance, counseling and education and rehabilitative services as they apply to a wide range of patient populations and health care delivery settings.

You will acquire the skills and the self-assurance that will qualify you for diverse career opportunities when you graduate. You will be prepared to lead health care teams, coordinate and plan nursing care for a variety of clients, collaborate with other health professionals, and make confident, independent decisions.

Nurses with BSN degrees typically earn higher salaries than ADN or diploma nurses with the additional opportunities to assume leadership roles in community and health care institutions. The BSN degree also provides the foundation for graduate nursing programs. Advanced practice nurses with education beyond the BSN can earn salaries up to $115,000 per year, depending on the specialty and location of employment.

Admission Requirements

To be eligible for the RN to BSN completion program you must have a Registered Nursing (RN) license, a cumulative GPA of 2.5 in the basic nursing program (ADN or Diploma). Other
prerequisites include the general education requirements for the AAS degree at Ferris. A completed application, copy of the RN license and official transcripts from other educational institutions are all that is required for the application process.

**General Education Requirements**

All University General Education requirements can be found here: [http://www.ferris.edu/HTMLS/academics/general-education/requirements/BA-BS.htm](http://www.ferris.edu/HTMLS/academics/general-education/requirements/BA-BS.htm)

Please consult this link for a complete listing of General Education Electives: [http://www.ferris.edu/HTMLS/academics/general-education/courses/index.htm](http://www.ferris.edu/HTMLS/academics/general-education/courses/index.htm)

Consult the official checksheet or program advisor for program specific General Education requirements.

**Graduation Requirements**

Graduation requires a minimum of 2.0 GPA. Students must earn a grade of "C" or better in the nursing major courses and meet all general education requirements as outlined on the General Education website.

**More Information**

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